To the honorable Assembly of the Commons House of Parliament.

The humble Petition of *Robert Harrison* of *Marleborough*, in the Countie of *Wilts* Inkeeper.

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Most humbly shewing,

THat fiue yeares since the Petitioner bargained with one *Stephen Barber* alias *Laurence*, for the Inne called the *White-hart* in Marleboroogh and certaine goods therein for 350. li. whereof 50. li. was for the Lease, and 300. li. for the goods. The Petitioner at diuers times agreed vpon, paid all the said 300. li. except onely 100. li. for securitie whereof, *Iohn Booth* and *Iohn Goldsmith*, became bound in a Bond of two hundred pound to *Barber*, and for their indemnpitie, the Petitioner assigned ouer to them all the goods which hee had bought of *Barber*, beeing worth 300. li. the goods neuertheless to remayne in the Petitioners possession till the Sureties were damnified. Afterwards *Barber* being displeased with the Petitioner (for not permitting him to build a Barne on the backe side of the Inne, threatned to roote him out, and euer afterwards sought means to vndo him, & the better to compasse his malitious purpose, he combining with the said *Booth*, and *Goldsmith*, procured them (although they were neuer damnified) priuately to confesse a Iudgement vnto him vpon the said Bond of two hundred pound, and therupon sued out a *Fieri facias*, which being deliuered to the vnder Sheriffe, he entred into the Inne, and summoning a Iurie there: inquired what goods were there of the said *Booth* and *Goldsmith* towards satisfaction of the Execution, and there not only extended the goods which the Petitioner bought of *Barber*, beeing worth as aforesaid 300. li. but also (contrary to Lawe,) extended vpon all the rest of the Petitioners proper houshold-stuffe and bedding, worth at the least 200. li. more, all which the vnder Sheriffe caused to be vndervalued but at two hundred and eight pound, for which, with the Lease the Petitioner was by one Master *Wydley* then lately offered eight hundred pounds, which their indirect practises to vndoe the Petitioner being perceiued, he shewed vnto them a Protection from his Master Mr. *Iohn St. Awbin* a member of this House, hoping vpon the sight thereof (in reuerence to this honourable Assembly,) they would forbeare to doe him wrong. But they made a scorne therof, *Booth* saying he cared not a fart for the same, and *Cockes* the Bailiffe said in despight of the Protection, hee would carry the Petitioner to Prison for tenne Groats recompencene, all the rest laughing and iesting at the same. Then the said Master *Wydley* pretending great friendship to the Petitioner satisfied the Execution and tooke the goods from the vnder Sheriffe into his hands, and then Master *Andrew Holdipp* a friend to the Petitioner offering to pay vnto him 140. li. for the Redemption of the goods (which was as much as he was to pay for the same) he vtterly refused to deliuer the same, saying, That his throate should be cut rather then the Petitioner should keepe that Inne againe, and thereupon carryed the goods out of the House.

The Petitioner further sheweth, That making declaration vnto Sir *Thomas Richardson* the Speaker of this honourable Assembly, of the contemptuous behauiour of the said parties, and of the wrongfull taking away the Petitioners goods without lawfull authoritie as afore-said, Master Speaker (commiserating the Petitioners distressed estate,) did write to the High Sheriffe, and the rest that were Actors in the businesse, wishing them to deliuer to the Petitioner his goods so wrongfully taken from him. But the High Sheriffe said that he was sufficiently secured by his Vnder Sheriffe, and the rest regarded not the message nor would deliuer the goods. By which meanes not only the Priuiledges and Liberties of this honourable House are violated and contemned, and the Petitioner his Wife and nine Children are vtterly vndone. But also his Maiesties Subiects trauailing into those parts are destitute of lodging and entertaynment, it being one of the chiefest Innes of Receipt betwixt London and Bristoll.

The Petitioner, therefore most humbly prayeth that the contemners of the Priuiledges of this honourable House may answere their contempt, and that by order of this House the Petitioner may be restored to his goods wrongfully taken from him. And he shall daily pray, &c.